

House Study Bill 574 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the beginning date of the school calendar
2 for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The school year for each school district and accredited
4 nonpublic school shall begin on July 1 and the school calendar
5 shall begin ~~no sooner than August 23 and~~ no later than the
6 first Monday in December. The school calendar shall include
7 not less than one hundred eighty days or one thousand eighty
8 hours of instruction during the calendar year. The board
9 of directors of a school district and the authorities in
10 charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall determine the
11 school start date for the school calendar in accordance with
12 this subsection and shall set the number of days or hours of
13 required attendance for the school year as provided in section
14 299.1, subsection 2, ~~but the.~~ The board of directors of a
15 school district shall hold a public hearing on any proposed
16 school calendar prior to adopting the school calendar and, if
17 the school calendar begins on or after June 1, and prior to
18 August 15, shall adopt the school calendar before February
19 1 of the preceding school year. If the board of directors
20 of a district or the authorities in charge of an accredited
21 nonpublic school extends the school calendar because inclement
22 weather caused the school district or accredited nonpublic
23 school to temporarily close during the regular school calendar,
24 the school district or accredited nonpublic school may excuse a
25 graduating senior who has met district or school requirements
26 for graduation from attendance during the extended school
27 calendar. A school corporation may begin employment of
28 personnel for in-service training and development purposes
29 before the date to begin elementary and secondary school.

30 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Section 257.17, Code 2022, is repealed.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill relates to the beginning date of the school
35 calendar for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools.

1 Current law provides that the school calendar for each
2 school district and accredited nonpublic school shall begin no
3 sooner than August 23 and no later than the first Monday in
4 December. The bill removes the requirement that the school
5 calendar begin no sooner than August 23. Additionally, the
6 bill provides that, if a school district's school calendar
7 begins on or after June 1, and prior to August 15, the school
8 district's board of directors shall adopt the school calendar
9 before February 1 of the preceding school year.

10 The bill repeals Code section 257.17, which provides for the
11 reduction of state aid payments to a school district if the
12 school district begins school prior to August 23.